AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

In the Office Action at page 2, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, replacement figures are submitted herewith. In FIGS. 1, 3A, 15, and 25 descriptive legends have been added. Annotated drawings sheets are also submitted herewith. In the annotated drawing sheets, the added descriptive legends have been circled in red ink. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-3, 6-7, 9, 12, and 14 have been amended. Claim 15 has been cancelled. New claim 16 has been added. Claims 1-14 and 16 are pending and under consideration.

I. Objection to the Drawings

In the Office Action, at page 2, the Examiner maintains the previous objections to the drawings because Figs. 1-19, 21-39, and 43-44 do not show legends explaining the reference numerals used in the figures. Applicant is appreciative of the telephone conversation between the undersigned and Examiner Tsang on May 16, 2007. In accordance with this telephone conversation, replacement figures and are submitted herewith. In FIGS. 1, 3A, 15, and 25 descriptive legends have been added. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these objections.

II. Rejection Based on Double Patenting

In the Office Action, at pages 2-5, claims 1-15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of <u>Takagi</u> (U.S. Patent No. 7,034,755).

In response, a Terminal Disclaimer for the Assignee is submitted herewith. Attached is the appropriate \$130.00 disclaimer fee set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d).

In light of the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that this double-patenting rejection has been overcome.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, at pages 5-7, claims 1-6, 9-11, and 14-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyashita (UK Patent Application No. GB 2 348 077 A).

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to be allowable as discussed below.

Claims 2-6 and 9-11 depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 7, and include all the features of claim 7, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the prior art cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 102(b) rejections is respectfully requested and it is submitted that claims 2-6 and 9-11 are in a condition suitable for allowance.

Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate features that have been acknowledged as patentable by the Examiner. For example, claim 14 has been amended to recite that the hinge part includes "a damper part that brakes an opening action of said second housing by said one touch opening part," which the Examiner concedes is not taught by the prior art of record on page 8 of the Office Action. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested and it is submitted that claim 14 is in a condition suitable for allowance.

Claim 15 has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, at page 8, claims 7-8 and 12-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested and it is submitted that claim 7 is in a condition suitable for allowance.

Claim 8 depends directly from amended claim 7, and includes all the features of claim 7, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the prior art cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested and it is submitted that claim 8 is in a condition suitable for allowance.

Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested and it is submitted that claim 12 is in a condition suitable for allowance.

Claim 13 depends directly from amended claim 12, and includes all the features of claim 12, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the prior art cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested and it is submitted that claim 13 is in a condition suitable for allowance.

IV. New Claim

New claim 16 has been added. Claim 16 incorporates features that have been acknowledged as patentable by the Examiner. For example, claim 16 recites "a flexible printed circuit board wound around the orthogonal shaft, said flexible printed circuit board electrically connecting said first and second housings to each other," which the Examiner concedes is not taught by the prior art of record on page 8 of the Office Action. Thus, it is submitted that new claim 16 is in a condition suitable for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1-14 and 16 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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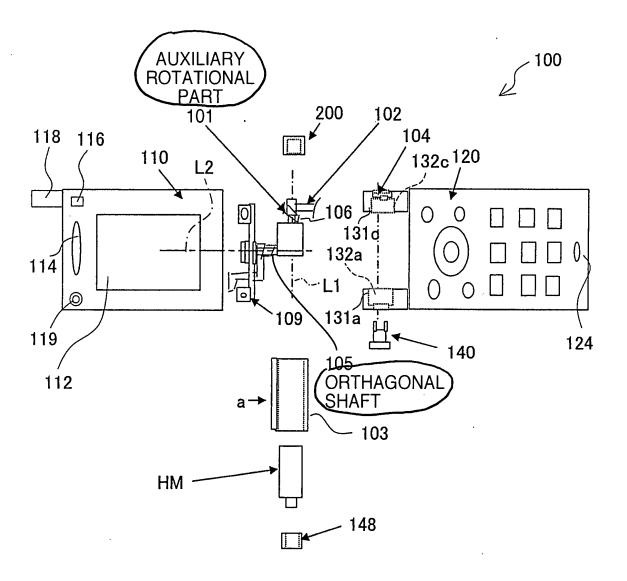


FIG. 3A

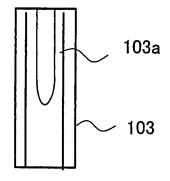


FIG. 3B

